

NSF/NBER Conference on Decentralization 2000



Washington University in St. Louis

Department of Economics and John M. Olin School of Business



Preliminary Program

All sessions will be held at the School of Business, Simon Hall 112.

[Directions to Simon Hall](#)

All coffee breaks will be in Miller Lounge, Simon Hall. The conference reception and dinner will be held in Umrath Lounge in Umrath Hall.

Friday, April 14, 2000

9:15 AM - 9:45 AM

Coffee and Doughnuts

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

"Pillage and Property"

J. S. Jordan (The Pennsylvania State University)

Break

11:00 AM - Noon

"Consensus and the Accuracy of Signals:

Optimal Committee Design

with Endogenous Information"

Nicola Persico (University of Pennsylvania)

Noon - 2:30 PM

Lunch

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

["Incompleteness as a Constraint in Contract](#)

[Design"](#)

of Illinois -

Stefan Krassa and Steven R. Williams (University
Champaign/Urbana)

Break

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM
["Delegation Principle and Farsighted Stability"](#)

["Competitive Selling Mechanisms: the](#)

Frank H. Page, Jr. (University of Alabama)

Break

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
University)

["Efficient Lending in Village Economies"](#)

Ashok Rai (Harvard University) and
Tomas Sjostrom (The Pennsylvania State

Reception

Saturday, April 15, 2000

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Coffee and Doughnuts

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Rates and Intertemporal Cost
(University of California - Berkeley)

"Controlling Investment Decisions: Hurdle
Allocation"
Sunil Dutta and Stephan Reichelstein

Break

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM
Neighborhood Planning"
(Georgetown University)

"Social Norms, Local Interaction, and
Matthew Haag and Roger Lagunoff

11:45 AM - 2:00 PM

Lunch

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
[Attendance"](#)

["Fiscal Federalism and Private School](#)

Thomas J. Nechyba (Duke University)

Break

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
Decentralization"
Champaign/Urbana) and

"Intergenerational Spillovers and
John P. Conley (University of Illinois -
Antonio Rangel (Stanford University)

Break

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

["Nash Implementation of Valuation Equilibrium"](#)
Dimitrios Diamantaras (Temple University) and
Simon Wilkie (California Institute of Technology)

Cancelled

7:00 PM

Dinner

Sunday, April 16, 2000

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Coffee and Doughnuts

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
["Comparing Finite Mechanisms. With an
Application to Exchange Economies"](#)

Leonid Hurwicz (University of Minnesota) and
Thomas Marschak (University of California -

Berkeley)

Break

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

"House Allocation with Transfers"
Eiichi Miyagawa (Columbia University)

Cancelled